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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

At your briefing this afternoon

STAT  of OSI will have a copy of the  
latest draft Defense, National Science  
Foundation, and Health, Education and  
Welfare briefing papers.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : DOD-ODM Briefing of NSC on Maintaining  
Technological Superiority, 31 May 1956

REFERENCE : NSC Action 1522-e

1. In accordance with the request contained in the NSC action referenced above, the National Security Council will be briefed on 31 May 1956 on the subject of "Maintaining US Technological Superiority." The following officials will present the briefing:

Honorable C. C. Furnas, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development

Dr. Alan G. Waterman, Director, National Science Foundation

Dr. S. M. Brownell, US Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare

2. The Office of Scientific Intelligence participated in the working group which prepared the briefing. Intelligence materials were furnished the principals for use in making comparisons between the Soviet Union and the United States. The data on the Soviet economy used by Dr. Furnas were supplied by O/RR and will appear in the forthcoming NIE 11-4-56: Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action through 1961. Material on the Soviet educational system and the scientific manpower situation, incorporated in the presentation of Dr. Brownell and Dr. Waterman respectively, is essentially the updated version of your January speech before the California Institute of Technology Associates with classified projections to 1961.

3. The briefing is oriented primarily toward showing how US resources can be developed to maintain a lead in military and industrial technology and comparisons with the Soviet Union are incidental. It is not anticipated that there will be controversy on the intelligence material presented.

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4. Work on the preparation of NIE 11-6-56: Soviet Capabilities and Trends in Soviet Science and Technology, the first national estimate on that subject, is proceeding satisfactorily. You may wish to tell the Council of this estimate which should be presented to the IAC 17 July.

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